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Bayonne, NJ- Today, Congressman Albio Sires attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Bayonne 8th Street Hudson-Bergen Light Rail (HBLR) station. He was joined by Senator Robert Menendez, as well as several other local and state elected officials. Once built, the station in Bayonne will be the southernmost terminal of the HBLR, extending the twenty-one mile rail line by one mile to West 8th Street. The station will be constructed by the New Jersey Transit to be reminiscent of the historic Central Railroad station that operated in Bayonne for nearly 100 years.

The light rail project, expecting to be finished in 2010 at a cost of \$58.4 million, comes after years of negotiations, studies, and efforts by local, state, and federal officials to raise revenue for the project. "Since opening eight years ago, the light rail line has benefited Hudson County and the region with its ability to make positive changes in our communities and improvements for our neighborhoods," stated Congressman Sires. "I am pleased with this latest expansion of the project that will continue to be a boom for economic development and personal mobility in the area."

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